

The Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I am sending this addition to the standard email following to insure you that I am sincere about this adder -Have you tried to read a phone bill lately?? Between FCC, state, local fees and the phone companies little amounts that virtually say "Look at what we are forced to pay -we aren't responsible.....!", what the average billpayer is required to wade through is ridiculous. I cancelled our landline longdistance service due to what I call "runaway billing", part of the snowball effect of de-regulation years ago.

Why don't you make an effort to keep the little guys who have to pay the brunt of the bills simple, and avoid this massive turn in the past few years of sticking it to the consumer.

Now,----

Congratulations on your appointment to Chair the FCC. In your new leadership role, I urge you to support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). The Fair Share Plan will keep the USF fair, ensuring that consumers like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses, regardless of how little I may use long distance.

The Keep USF Fair Coalition submitted the Fair Share Plan to the FCC on January 31, 2005. It expands who pays into the USF so that other technologies - not just phones - pay into the system. The Fair Share Plan collects the USF using a combination numbers- and revenue-based plan. This keeps the system fair, equitable and non-discriminatory.

Under the flat fee or numbers-based plan you are considering, people like me who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. I believe it would be unfair to charge low-volume and residential customers the same fees as high-volume residential or business customers.

I urge you to keep the USF fair, and adopt the Fair Share Plan. Thank you, and best of luck in your new position.

cc: Marlene Dortch, Secretary

Sincerely,

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